<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-41 remain in this application, with Claims 1, 17 and 27 being in independent

form. By the present amendment, Claims 1, 16, 17, 24, 26 and 27 have been amended. Adequate

support for the amendments is provided in the specification and in the figures. No new matter or

issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all

claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-41, are believed to be in condition

for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that

an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned

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